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Idaho Milk Production Up 10.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2005 totaled 868 million pounds, a 10.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 25 million pounds from November 2005. Revised production for November 2005 totaled 843 million pounds, up 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 13.0 percent above November 2004. Average milk production per cow in December 2005 was 1,840 pounds, a 40 pound increase from December 2004, and 50 pounds more than November 2005. The average number of milk cows during December was 472,000 head, up 1,000 head from November 2005 and up 37,000 head from December 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from December 2004. November revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from November 2004. The November revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for December, 55 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 67,000 head more than December 2004, and 4,000 head more than November 2005.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, December 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	166	163	1,905	1,940	316	316	
California	1,741	1,770	1,775	1,795	3,090	3,177	2.8
Colorado	102	105	1,845	1,890	188	198	5.3
Florida	138	135	1,450	1,415	200	191	-4.5
IDAHO	435	472	1,800	1,840	783	868	10.9
Illinois	106	104	1,540	1,570	163	163	
Indiana	155	158	1,600	1,715	248	271	9.3
Iowa	188	187	1,700	1,700	320	318	-0.6
Kansas	111	111	1,680	1,730	186	192	3.2
Kentucky	110	102	1,055	1,100	116	112	-3.4
Michigan	307	312	1,730	1,810	531	565	6.4
Minnesota	460	445	1,475	1,560	679	694	2.2
Missouri	119	114	1,270	1,300	151	148	-2.0
New Mexico	321	339	1,650	1,780	530	603	13.8
New York	650	649	1,485	1,545	965	1,003	3.9
Ohio	266	273	1,450	1,450	386	396	2.6
Oregon	120	121	1,570	1,550	188	188	
Pennsylvania	565	557	1,490	1,580	842	880	4.5
Texas	319	324	1,555	1,720	496	557	12.3
Vermont	143	143	1,515	1,535	217	220	1.4
Virginia	104	104	1,420	1,460	148	152	2.7
Washington	235	237	1,925	1,910	452	453	0.2
Wisconsin	1,236	1,239	1,490	1,555	1,842	1,927	4.6
23 STATE TOTAL	8,097	8,164	1,610	1,665	13,037	13,592	4.3

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Down 49 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2005 totaled 19.6 million pounds, down 49 percent. December production was down 12 percent from the 22.4 million pounds produced in November. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2005 period totaled 313 million pounds, down 30 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in December 2004. Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 1 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.5 million pounds, 9 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter

totalled 60,100 head, down 19 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, slightly below December 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,000 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago. January to December 2005 commercial red meat production was 45.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	December 2005 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				December 2004	November 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	130.2	129.9	134.6	103	104
Colorado	142.0	143.2	142.1	100	99
IDAHO	38.7	22.4	19.6	51	88
Illinois	241.4	243.9	238.2	99	98
Iowa	575.3	584.1	585.4	102	100
Kansas	467.5	461.6	465.7	100	101
Minnesota	207.8	208.4	206.2	99	99
Montana	1.4	1.4	1.4	100	102
Nebraska	603.2	577.1	582.5	97	101
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	88	47
Oklahoma	90.6	90.3	95.6	105	106
Oregon	3.5	3.9	3.8	111	99
South Dakota	98.1	92.9	97.0	99	104
Texas	356.1	399.5	388.6	109	97
Utah	33.4	44.5	42.3	127	95
Washington	44.1	63.2	64.7	147	102
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.5	79	105
UNITED STATES	3,930.4	3,942.3	3,952.7	101	100

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2006 totaled 275,000 head, down 7 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand December 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 48,000 head, down 7,000 head from December 2004 placements. Marketings during December totaled 50,000 head, down 12,000 from December 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1,

2006. The inventory was 4 percent above January 1, 2005 and 5 percent above January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.88 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 8 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.79 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 575,000, 600-699 pounds were 554,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.72 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 1 percent below 2004 but 1 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Jan. 1, 2005	Dec. 1, 2005	January 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of Dec.
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	331	328	334	101	102
California	535	550	550	103	100
Colorado	1,080	1,070	1,080	100	101
Idaho	295	280	275	93	98
Iowa	450	500	510	113	102
Kansas	2,410	2,470	2,500	104	101
Nebraska	2,300	2,400	2,430	106	101
New Mexico	126	137	143	113	104
Oklahoma	350	365	370	106	101
South Dakota	192	190	205	107	108
Texas	2,700	2,940	2,920	108	99
Washington	190	161	152	80	94
Other States	340	335	335	99	100
United States	11,299	11,726	11,804	104	101

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2005, totaled 846 million pounds, an increase of 1 percent from December 31, 2004 but down 7 percent from November 30, 2005. Other frozen potatoes, at 201 million pounds, decreased 15 percent from last year and 8 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2005, totaled 57.1 million pounds, up 27 percent from the end of the previous year but down 6 percent from the previous month. Of this 57.1 million pounds, the government owned 116,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 518 million pounds, up 8 percent from December 31, 2004, and up 1 percent from November 30, 2005. The government owned 207,000 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2004	Nov. 30, 2005	Dec 31, 2005	2005 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	838,438	905,250	845,916	101
Other Frozen	236,381	217,215	200,862	85
TOTAL	1,074,819	1,122,465	1,046,778	97
DAIRY:				
Butter	44,988	60,430	57,060	127
(Govt. Owned)	118	58	116	98
Natural Cheese	481,077	512,944	517,514	108
American, Total	5,053	710	207	4
(Govt. Owned)				

Idaho Fruit Production

Idaho's apple production totaled 80.0 million pounds, a 10 million pound decrease from last year. Peach production totaled 8,000 tons, down 1,000 tons from 2004. Prune and plum production in 2005 was 2,000 tons, a 2,000 ton decrease from last year. Sweet cherry production was 1,700 tons, down 1,400 tons from 2004.

Nationally, apple production totaled 9.87 billion pounds, a decrease of 6 percent from 2004. Utilized production, at 9.78 billion pounds, is down 6 percent from last year. Peach production totaled 1.18 million tons, down 10 percent from 2004. Utilized peach production, at 1.14 million tons, is down 7 percent from last year. Sweet cherry production decreased 11 percent from a year ago to 251,170 tons. Utilized sweet cherry production is down 13 percent from a year ago to 243,910 tons. Prune and plum production totaled 8,700 tons, down 65 percent from 2004. Utilized production totaled 8,650 tons, down 54 percent from last year.

Total Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2004 – 2005¹

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	355.0	370.0	^{2/} 436,000	^{2/} 385,000	--	--	73,000	52,700
Georgia	12.0	14.0	52,500	40,000	--	--	--	--
Idaho	90.0	80.0	9,000	8,000	4,000	2,000	3,100	1,700
Illinois	56.5	49.0	10,600	11,200	--	--	--	--
Michigan	730.0	790.0	18,700	11,200	2,500	2,000	24,700	27,000
New York	1,280.0	1,040.0	6,000	4,000	--	--	900	800
North Carolina	155.0	145.0	3,500	6,000	--	--	--	--
Oregon	163.0	140.0	3,300	2,800	13,000	1,500	43,000	28,000
Pennsylvania	405.0	455.0	23,000	26,600	--	--	400	3/
South Carolina	6.0	4.0	70,000	75,000	--	--	--	--
Utah	32.0	38.0	5,000	4,700	--	--	1,600	1,800
Virginia	300.0	300.0	4,500	4,700	--	--	--	--
Washington	6,150.0	5,800.0	21,500	22,000	5,500	3,200	134,000	138,000
West Virginia	81.0	87.0	6,000	5,500	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	10,450.6	9,869.6	^{4/} 1,307,110	^{5/} 1,182,600	^{6/} 25,000	^{6/} 8,700	283,060	251,170

1/ Includes unharvested production not utilized. 2/ Freestone only. 3/ Estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ Includes CA Clingstone total production of 539,000 tons. 5/ Includes CA Clingstone production of 484,000 tons. 6/ Excludes California.